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WASHINGTON, August 21, 1981 -- Orders for new freight cars totaled 1,315 in July, compared with 1,155 in June and 3,393 in July 1980, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Orders through the first seven months of 1981 totaled 12,886, compared with 28,848 during the comparable period of last year.

A total of 3,030 cars were placed in service in July, compared with 3,861 in June and 5,894 in July 1980. So far this year, 31,057 cars have been delivered, compared with 55,133 a year ago.

As of August 1, 26,669 cars were on order and undelivered, compared with 73,912 on August 1 of last year and 32,770 on July 1, 1981. So far this year, the average monthly backlog is 38,636, compared with 93,772 at the same time last year.

The AAR also reported that 32 new and rebuilt locomotives were placed in service in July, compared with 108 in June and 167 in July 1980.

As of August 1, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel locomotives totaled 27,937, compared with 28,615 on August 1, 1980.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of August 1 was 306, compared with 196 on July 1 and 517 on August 1, 1980.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED

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DELIVERED

	July		June	Seven Months	
	1981	1980	1981	1981	1980
Built New by Car Builders	2,864	5,455	3,442	28,060	51,014
Built New in R.R. Shops	119	435	339	2,299	3,214
Built New - Total	2,983	5,890	3,781	30,359	54,228
Rebuilt	47	4	80	698	905
TOTAL DELIVERED	3,030	5,894	3,861	31,057	55,133
Locomotives	32	167	108	465	1,200

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	1,315	3,393	927	11,533	25,102
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	228	253	2,877
To be built New - Total	1,315	3,393	1,155	11,786	27,979
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	1,100	869
TOTAL ORDERED	1,315	3,393	1,155	12,886	28,848

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	August 1		July 1	Average	
	1981	1980	1981	1981	1980
To be built New by Car Builders	23,809	67,934	29,744	35,121	87,626
To be built New in R.R. Shops	2,458	5,914	2,577	3,202	5,775
To be built New - Total	26,267	73,848	32,321	38,323	93,401
To be rebuilt	402	64	449	313	371
TOTAL ON ORDER	26,669*	73,912	32,770	38,636	93,772
Locomotives	306	517	196	362	1,004

* Due to revisions and cancellations of some orders, the August 1, 1981 backlog has been reduced by 4,386 cars.

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WASHINGTON, September 22, 1981 -- New and rebuilt freight cars placed in service in August totaled 3,249, compared with 3,030 in July and 7,012 in August 1980, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Cars placed in service through the first eight months of the year came to 34,407, compared with 60,703 for the comparable period of 1980.

Orders for new cars in August totaled 798, compared with 1,315 in July and 2,763 in August 1980. Through the first eight months of 1981, car orders stood at 13,584, compared with 31,460 at the same time last year.

As of September 1, the backlog of cars on order and undelivered was 23,985, compared with 26,669 on August 1 and 68,009 on September 1, 1980. Average backlog so far this year is 36,804, compared with 90,551 last year.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that major American railroads added 43 new and rebuilt diesel locomotives to their fleet in August, compared with 32 in July and 108 in August 1980.

As of September 1, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel locomotives totaled 27,905, compared with 28,604 on September 1, 1980.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of September 1 was 267, compared with 306 on August 1 and 577 on September 1, 1980.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED

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DELIVERED

	August		July	Eight Months	
	1981	1980	1981	1981	1980
Built New by Car Builders	2,971	6,158	2,864	31,132	55,730
Built New in R.R. Shops	213	836	119	2,512	4,050
Built New - Total	3,184	6,994	2,983	33,644	59,780
Rebuilt	65	18	47	763	023
TOTAL DELIVERED	3,249	7,012	3,030	34,407	60,703
Locomotives	43	168	32	508	1,308

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	798	2,531	1,315	12,231	27,482
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	38	0	253	2,915
To be built New - Total	798	2,569	1,315	12,484	30,397
To be rebuilt	0	194	0	1,100	1,063
TOTAL ORDERED	798	2,763	1,315	13,584	31,460

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	September 1		August 1	Average	
	1981	1980	1981	1981	1980
To be built New by Car Builders	21,403	62,652	23,809	33,406	84,504
To be built New in R.R. Shops	2,245	5,117	2,458	3,082	5,693
To be built New - Total	23,648	67,769	26,267	36,488	90,197
To be rebuilt	337	240	402	316	354
TOTAL ON ORDER	23,985*	68,009	26,669	36,804	90,551
Locomotives	267	557	306	350	951

* Due to revisions and cancellations of some orders, the September 1, 1981 backlog has been reduced by 233 cars.

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